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Doubly uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.

The Italians are pursuing the Austrian goat and have almost got it.

The "richest dog in Vermont" is dead at Brattleboro. Long live the richest dog of Vermont!

The battle between the sun and the clouds has been one of the most persistent in recent years.

Air motoring across the Atlantic ocean will be left for the very few hardy souls for the present at least.

This is the week when the state of Vermont will say to the government that it is ready with its dollars, as well as with its men.

The boys of former Company C of Barre are getting into the thick of the fray, it would seem from the increasing frequency of the appearance of their names in the casualty list. Thus far, however, not one has been killed or has died of wounds, which is very good news to their relatives and friends. Four at least have been severely wounded, but at last reports they were all alive.

With his usual directness, General Pershing nailed the lie, which was to the effect that American negro soldiers were being made to bear the brunt of the fighting on the American front in France. The use of a few figures from official sources was sufficient to show up this effort to spread German propaganda among the negro population of the United States. No doubt it was intended to arouse the negroes so that they would resist conscription hereafter. It failed miserably because it was founded on a tissue of lies. The official figures show that the white Americans have suffered very heavily while the negroes have had comparatively few casualties.

Two days ago it was officially given out in Washington that the number of American troops in France was more than 900,000. It is safe to say that the total is well toward a million now, at the rate the men have been disembarking on the French shore. Thus the transportation of troops gets ahead of the program by several months, as it was not promised there would be a million troops in France before the fall of 1918. Even Americans, who are accustomed to seeing things done on a large scale, will marvel at the celerity of the troop movement during the last few weeks. Even the most captious critics of the government could scarcely find fault with the degree of speed maintained in this department of war activity.

The train collision on the Michigan Central railroad near Ivanhoe, Ind., last Saturday, which was accompanied by such terrible casualties, was probably occasioned to a certain extent by the complexity of the railroad problems due to the movement of troops and equipment for war service. The train which crashed into the standing train bearing the circus people was composed largely of empty troop cars being hauled to Chicago and was, no doubt, an extra train not on the regular schedule. The other train carrying the circus people was also a special not on the regular schedule. The fact that both were unscheduled trains may have had something to do with the causes leading up to the crash. Nevertheless, the trainmen of both trains must have had their explicit instructions as to the running time, and they were, moreover, versed in the ordinary rules of operation, so the fact that neither was a regular train should not have lessened the responsibility in the least. It is evident that the rules were grossly broken for some reason or other.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

More important than the victory of the allies on the Italian front, important as that is, is the fact that Austria-Hungary, the chief ally of Germany, has lost her power of the initiative in warfare. After many months of comparative quiet during which there was splendid opportunity to build up army divisions, to replace equipment, to turn out armament and munitions and to make the various other developments incident to the preparation of an army for offensive campaigning—after all this opportunity and after having massed approximately a million men on a 90-mile front, Austria-Hungary was beaten almost before her army had started in the wide-flung battle. That great force was unable to make more than a mere dent in the line held by the Italians with the aid of the British and the French, after which the disheartened troops halted, wavered and then broke into a retreat, a retreat which may prove to be one of the worst debacles of the whole war.

Just what a great debacle would mean on that part of the western front is open to speculation, of course, for nothing is known of the defenses which Germany has built up for herself on the southern side; but it seems probable that Germany was depending to a considerable extent on Austria to stand as a buffer

between the kaiser's realm and the entente allies. If that buffer should fall by reason of a great Austrian retreat beyond the limits of the farthest Italian drive earlier in the war it would open a way to attack on Germany which would be promptly taken advantage of, no doubt, inasmuch as the allies are stronger in morale on that section of the front than ever before and are perhaps better prepared for an offensive than at any time since Italy entered the war. The events on the so-called Italian front will be watched with the keenest interest during the next few days and weeks.

MOST INTERESTING NEWS IN MONTHS

British Newspapers Hail the Announcement of Austrian Retreat as Good Omen.

London, June 24.—The *Lancet* bulletin from General Diaz announcing that the defeated Austrians are retreating in disorder with the Italians in pursuit is the most heartening news received in allied countries in many months. Although nothing is yet known as to the extent of the Austrian defeat or how far the Italians and the allies may be in a position to take full advantage of it, the statement of the Italian commander in chief is hailed with enthusiasm by the morning newspapers.

Public opinion here had been prepared by the progress of the operations since the first days of the fighting to hope that Italy was destined to redeem the grievous disaster suffered last October, and as each day of the battle passed, hope began to grow into confidence. Austrian claims in the meantime did little or nothing to lessen this confidence and when the Austrian communique of Sunday was received with its lament regarding floods in the Piave, observers here saw in it an intention to prepare the people of the central powers for painful news.

Comment in some quarters here assumes that the defeat on the Piave will have an important influence on operations on the western front, it being supposed that the aim of the central powers in the offensive was to destroy the Italian power of resistance so that the Austrian army might be transferred to France as a counterpoise to the Americans.

It is taken for granted generally that the defeat must have an important effect on the food situation in Austria-Hungary, where some Austro-Hungarian troops were needed to counterbalance the damaging influence of food scarcity and other causes of popular dissatisfaction. The suggestion is made that these causes may have had much to do with the failure of the Austrian offensive, which started with military resources much greater than those controlled by Italy.

Whether the decision of the Austrian cabinet to resign is connected with what appears to be a considerable disaster to the country's armies along the Piave is not yet known.

ITALIAN CITIES VENT THEIR JOY

News of Austrian Retreat Across the Piave Caused Persons to Burst Out in Exultation.

Rome, June 23.—News of the Austrian retreat across the Piave caused the greatest enthusiasm here. Newspaper extras sold as soon as issued. Flags were displayed. Bands played the Royal March. Crowds cheered the king, the army and General Diaz. There were similar manifestations in principal cities.

EATING HORSE FLESH.

Austrians' Corn Rations are About Exhausted.

Amsterdam, June 24.—Although he has done what has been possible, there is sufficient corn for only half a bread ration in Austria, Food Minister Paul told the Vienna correspondent of the *Lokal Anzeiger*. The food department is attempting to make up this deficiency with other foodstuffs and, in addition to 250 grams of beef, two pounds of horse flesh per person will be distributed weekly.

Military mobile kitchens will be used to supply 100,000 persons daily for four weeks with a warm meal consisting of soup, 100 grams of meat and vegetables.

ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

Czecho-Slovak People Are Seeking Transportation to France.

London, June 24.—A member of the Czecho-Slovak national council is now at Tokio trying to arrange for the transportation of his compatriots at Vladivostok to the French front, which they are anxious to reach at the earliest moment, says a despatch to *The Times* from Tokio. He will go to the United States to consult Professor Masaryk, the Bohemian leader, now in Washington.

VON HERTLING TO SPEAK.

He Will Talk About Germany's Internal Affairs.

Amsterdam, June 24.—Chancellor Von Hertling, according to the *Vossische Zeitung* of Saturday, will speak to-day at the opening of the debate in the Reichstag on the estimates for his office and the foreign office.

RUMANIA NEEDS MONEY

And Is Preparing to Offer Better Inducements.

Amsterdam, June 24.—In pointing out Rumania's difficult financial position to the Bucharest correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung*, Finance Minister Sculescu declared that the Rumanian national bank was prepared to make a loan on more favorable terms than ever before. He said that the extensive and drastic financial reforms which had been planned would involve painful measures.

GENERAL STRIKE IN AUSTRIA.

According to the Vienna Zeitung to Munich.

Zurich, Switzerland, June 24.—The Austrian troubles are extending, according to a dispatch from Munich, quoting the *Neueste Nachrichten* of that city. The Vienna Zeitung, according to these advices, stated that the strike has become general.

WEBSTERVILLE

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ITALIANS HAVE DO-OR-DIE SPIRIT

They Have Been Giving the Austrians No Rest All Along the Piave River Line.

Italian Headquarters, Sunday, June 23 (by Associated Press).—Crucially harassed by steady and accurate fire, compelled to face bayonet attacks by the Italians and being constantly bombed by allied aviators, flying low in defiance of machine gun and anti-aircraft fire, the Austrians have been fighting recently with the courage of despair. The counter-attacks have been launched without regard for losses against the allied trenches on the Montello plateau, but have been everywhere broken by the granite resistance interposed to the foe's progress.

The crest of the Piave river flood passed yesterday, but the falling waters came too late to relieve the positions of the Austrians. The inundation was 16 feet above the low-water mark.

Along the lower Piave, Italian pressure has been constant. The tired enemy has been given no rest, although the fighting has been intermittent, owing to the fact that neither side was able to see more than 50 yards through the heavy bushes and tall swamp grasses growing in the lowlands.

The heroic deeds of the Italians in the fighting upon the Carso plateau, east of the Isonzo, are recalled by the repeated examples of valor and endurance shown in the present struggle. With the Italian armies along the front there is only a stern intention to do or die. There is no effervescent boasting, no victory chants, but a realization that harder fighting may yet come.

"The word 'Piave' is being written in blood-red letters on Austrian hearts," said a dust-covered, sweat-stained Italian officer who had been fighting every day for a week, with scarcely any rest save for Friday and Saturday's lull in the mighty contests for the banks of the river.

"We are saving the shouting until Austria's plunder expedition is defeated," said 70-year-old Deputy Rancette, who is spending his time as an Alpine officer tramping to and fro among the soldiers, telling them victory is the one way to secure peace. Behind the lines the civil population is undisturbed. The cities are calm. Venice appearing like a sleeping beauty. The American colony there has been reduced to a handful, consisting of the American consul, and the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers. On the mainland, however, Americans are becoming more plentiful, due to the influx of Red Cross helpers and officers of the American military mission. The third hospital units of the American army, under command of Colonel Albert E. Persons, have arrived. The American aviators, in their jaunty uniforms with the golden flying eagle, attract friendly attention.

VETERANS LOST HEAVILY.

Necrology Report Will Be Large at Convention This Week.

The annual encampment of the Washington County Veterans' association will be held at Dewey park, Montpelier, on Thursday and Friday, June 27 and 28. A very interesting program has been arranged and a large attendance is expected. The association includes veterans of all wars, sons of veterans and their auxiliary. Ladies of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and the public generally.

A large number of deaths have occurred in the association since the last meeting: Lieut. George W. Bridgman, Co. F, 2d Regt., Hardwick, Sept. 11, 1917, aged 77; Stearns S. Hutchinson, Co. F, 2d Regt., Randolph, Sept. 22, 1917, aged 83; B. F. Robinson, Co. F, 13th Regt., Barre, Oct. 12, 1917, aged 81; Joseph O. Freeman, Co. B, 10th, Waterbury Center, Oct. 17, 1917, 76; Lieut. L. I. Brownson, Co. K, 5th, Burlington, Dec. 22, 1917, 75; Ira J. Johnson, Co. B, 10th, Owosso, Mich., Jan. 18, 1918, 76; J. W. F. Washburn, Co. D, 24th Mass., Montpelier, Feb. 13, 1918, 74; Allen E. Melhuron, Co. G, 6th, Watfield, Feb. 28, 1918, 80; Frank L. Batchelder, Co. E, 4th Vt., Woodbury, March 8, 1918, 68; James W. Sleeper, Co. D, 5th, Waterbury, April 9, 1918, 80; R. Stephen Johnson, Co. C, 5th, Moretown, April 22, 1918, 79; Simon J. Guptil, 3d battery, Milford, Neb., April 24, 1918, 75; Wesley E. Dana, Co. F, 17th, Warren, April 28, 1918, 72; Albert Deline, Co. D, 2d, Soldiers' Home, Bennington, May 9, 1918, 80; Charles Connor, Co. A, 15th, Montpelier, May 23, 1918, 77; Carlos H. Rich, Co. K, 4th, Roxbury, May 28, 1918, 76; S. W. Benjamin, Co. C, 15th, Montpelier, May 29, 1918, 76; Franklin J. Wait, Co. B, 2d Vt., 8, Cav. Stowe, June 9, 1918, 78; Henry Carley, Co. F, 6th, East Calais, June 14, 1918, 87.

Sons of Veterans—Silas R. Dady, member of Camp Maj. L. A. Abbott, Barre, at Fort Bayard, N. M., June 14, 1918, 51.

Ladies of the W. R. C.—Mrs. George G. Brown, Montpelier, Nov. 10, 1917; Mrs. P. H. Richardson, Worcester, Nov. 29, 1917; Mrs. Ida B. Foster Taber, North Calais, Feb. 21, 1918.

ORANGE

Mrs. E. L. Densmore of Barre is the guest of Miss Flora Peake.

Guido Manera has enlisted and will enter the mechanics' training school in Burlington July 15.

Mrs. Sherman Chamberlin is making a visit of several days in Plainfield. Five of our young ladies received diplomas last week. Misses Eva Ainsley, Natalie and Sherlie Gauthier from Goddard and Misses Stella Nelson and Vera Watson from Spaulding.

The war savings stamp drive will be on in full force this week. Be ready to meet the committee with your very best possible subscription. The quota for the town is nearly \$13,000. Your country is asking you to invest your savings and interest money with it and in five years receive it back with interest at 4 per cent, or if the need arises you can obtain it before that time.

A Red Cross branch was formed Friday evening with chairman, Ivis L. Chamberlin; vice chairman, J. W. Lord; secretary, C. O. Peake; treasurer, E. L. Sanborn; member of executive committee, Edith Sanborn.

A war savings stamp rally will be held at the hall Friday evening, June 28. Ex-Mayor James B. Estee of Montpelier will be the principal speaker.

Alfred Morrie, who was home from Camp Devens on a three days' furlough, was invited to the town hall Saturday evening, where he met about a hundred of his friends. The evening was spent in dancing, interspersed with vocal solos by Messrs. W. J. Bisson and Guido Manera. Mr. Morrie is connected with the Headquarters company, Arthur Carpenter presented him a purse of money as a reminder of the kind regard felt for him by his townsmen. Mr. Morrie thanked his friends in a few well chosen words.

The center school closed Friday with a picnic. The following pupils had no ab-

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sent marks: Margaret Barnes, Doris and Bernal Lord, Dean Emerson and Ora Keyes. Those having only one day's absence were Phyllis and Marion Nelson and Kenneth Hutchins. Vernice Whitcomb passed the high school entrance examination.

Mrs. Emma Cutler of East Calais is visiting friends in town.

Oh, Very Different.

Sometimes when a man fails, his wife tells the public that he was too conscientious to succeed. What she tells him in private is a different matter.—Boston Transcript.

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